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PRODUCTION OF RICE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production of rice and wheat during Ninth Plan and the actual production recorded in that period;

(b) whether the target has not been achieved in some States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor;

(d) the projections made for the production of rice and wheat during the Tenth Plan; and

(e) the strategy adopted to achieve high target of production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Ninth Plan (2001-02) target fixed by the Planning Commission for riceand wheat vis a vis the advance estimates against these targets are as follows:

(million tonnes)

Crop	Targets	Advance Estimate (as on 22.1.2002)
Rice	92.00	91.05
Wheat	78.00	73.06

Due to drought like situation in some of the States, the targets are not likely to be achieved in full. However, there is a minor shortfall in over all production against the targets.

(d)&(e): The Planning Commission has informed that the X Plan is still in the processof preparation. As such the targets of production and strategies to be adopted during X Plan is yet to be finalized.